



Instructions for Week 1

Week 1: Choosing a Topic and Defining your Purposes

Week 1 introduces you to the basics of digital storytelling. You will explore the fundamental elements of a good digital story and review examples used by educators across a varied curriculum. By the end of this week, you will be able to choose a topic and define the purpose of a digital story you will create for your classroom or informal learning setting. You may access the course materials for this week from the links below, or from the navigation bar on the left side of this page.

Here are the instructions for this week's course activities. Please read through all items before you begin working on the assignments and pay attention to due dates and submission instructions:

- 1** **READ** the [course syllabus](#) in its entirety to acquaint yourself with course policies and procedures.
- 2** **WATCH** the [video lectures](#):
 - Welcome Video (2:57 mins)
 - Introduction to Digital Storytelling (2:58 mins)
 - The Digital Storytelling Process (3:26 mins)
 - Types of Digital Stories (4:08 mins)
 - Selecting a Topic (3:18 mins)
 - Digital Storytelling in the Classroom (3:05 mins)
- 3** **READ** these articles about digital storytelling:
 - [Digital Storytelling: A Powerful Technology Tool for the 21st Century Classroom](#)
 - [The Educational Uses of Digital Storytelling](#)

4 Watch selected digital stories on different subjects:



Robin's Market

▶ View Video



Galveston, Hurricanes, & Oz

▶ View Video



The Meaning of My Life

▶ View Video



Me and My Coaching Story

▶ View Video



Thundery Fairy Tale

▶ View Video



Behind the Lens

▶ View Video

More example stories can be found online at the [Educational Uses of Digital Storytelling website](#).

5 COMPLETE Assignment 1: Select your Topic and Define the Purpose of the digital story.

Here are the things that you need to do to complete this week's assignment:

- Access example stories on the Educational Uses of Digital Storytelling (EUODS) website.
- Explore the categories located at the left side of the page.
- Choose one of these categories as the topic you will use for your digital story.
- Describe the digital story you plan to create and include the following information in your description:
 - which category you selected for your digital story
 - the preliminary title of your digital story (you may change this later)
 - the intended audience
 - the main educational ideas or objectives of your story
 - how you think your digital story could be used in the classroom or in an informal learning environment
 - the main idea or theme you want viewers to know after watching your story
- Submit the description of your planned digital story for [Assignment 1](#).

6 **PARTICIPATE IN THE [Discussion Forum](#)** and share some information about yourself, such as:

- where you are from
- what you do (when you are not participating in a MOOC)
- anything that you already know about digital storytelling
- what you hope to learn in this course

In addition, if you know about a digital story online that you think could be used for educational purposes, please share some details about it, including where you found it (be sure to post the web link, if possible), what it's about, why you like it, and any other useful information.